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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ETRD

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMARCHE ON VOYAGE OF LIBYAN TANKER TO U.S.

1. MARINE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIBYAN NATIONAL OIL CO. HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE M/T SARIR, A 47,000-TON LIBYAN FLAG VESSEL, DEPARTED ZAWIA REFINERY WITH CAPACITY LOAD OF FUEL OIL FOR DISCHARGE AT NEW YORK CITY AND SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS. ETA IS JUNE 28. CONSIGNEE IS NEW ENGLAND PETROLEUM CO., AND OFFICERS AND CREW ARE SPANISH EXCEPT FOR FOUR LIBYAN CADETS.

2. BECAUSE THIS JOURNEY IS FIRST OF MANY CONTEMPLATED IN NEAR FUTURE TO U.S. PORTS BY LIBYAN FLAG VESSELS, SUPERINTENDENT ASKED EMBASSY TO ASSURE AMERICAN PORT OFFICIALS LIBYANS HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ADHERE TO U.S. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS, AND SAID THAT IN CASE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES, LIBYAN MERCHANT MARINE OFFICIALS WILL PROMPTLY COMPLY WITH U.S. PRACTICE.

3. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, U.S. FLAG VESSELS ARE PREVENTED BY LIBYAN EMBARGO FROM CALLING AT LIBYAN PORTS. UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, EMBASSY INTENDS TO POINT OUT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT SUCH DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. FLAG VESSELS BY LIBYA IS PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE AT A TIME WHEN LIBYAN SHIPS ARE ASKING TO CALL AT U.S. PORTS. WHILE
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WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO A LIFTING OF THE

EMBARGO, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE USEFUL TO MAKE A FORMAL ISSUE
OF THE MATTER NOW, IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT LEVARAGE GIVEN US BY
SARIR VOYAGE.

4. PROPOSE TO LEAVE NOTE WITH MFA AT TIME OF DEMARCHE AS
FOLLOWS:

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